[19th March 1934

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know, with reference to clause (*a*) of the question, whether any representation has been made by this Government to the Government of India with regard to the necessity for enhancing the import duty on coconuts? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I want notice, Sir."

Provision for premium bulls.

* 799 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been meeting in full the demand for premium bulls; and

(*b*) whether they propose to increase the amount allotted for this scheme?

A.—The Agricultural department has been meeting applications for premia for the maintenance of breeding bulls as far as possible from the funds provided for the year concerned. When funds did not permit the full demand to be met, applications were kept pending and sanctioned in the year following. The provision for this purpose has been increased from Rs. 4,720 in 1932–33 to Rs. 6,200 in 1933–34. A further increase in provision to Rs. 7,000 has been made in the budget of 1934–35 on the basis of the amount of premia which the Director of Agriculture expects to distribute in that year.

Industries.

Power drills in use in the Province.

* 800 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government Power Drills in and out of use respectively in the province;

(*b*) the year of their purchase, their make and price, the amount spent up-to-date on each of them on repairs; and

(*c*) the relative merits of the Drills now with the Government and the latest Drills now in the market?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-one.

(*b*) Three Calyx and three Keystone drills were in the possession of the department prior to 1917–18. Information as to the year of their purchase and their price is not available. One Sullivan Air Compressor Drill, manufactured by Messrs. Sullivan Machinery Company of Chicago, was purchased with tools and spares in 1927–28 for Rs. 7,630. The remaining 14 are Armstrong drills manufactured by Messrs. Armstrong Manufacturing Company of Waterloo, Iowa (U.S.A.). Three of them were purchased in